



Austin City Council

MINUTES

For JULY 27, 1984 - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
3:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

City Council

Frank C. Cooksey
Mayor

John Treviño, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members
Mark Rose
Smoot Carl-Mitchell
Sally Shipman
George Humphrey
Charles E. Urdy

Jorge Carrasco
City Manager

Elden Aldridge
City Clerk

Memorandum To:

Mayor Mullen called to order the Special Called Meeting of the Council, scheduled for 3:00 p.m., noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

SLOW GROWTH PROPOSAL

Councilmember Duncan introduced an item to Council concerning Slow Growth for Council consideration. He said many Austinites believe the rate of growth is too rapid. This is not a no-growth proposal, but the rate of growth Austin is experiencing today "is not healthy."

Councilmember Duncan stated, "The program has three elements:

1. Growthwatch as a trigger on limitation on City services.
2. Annexation and utility service plan.
3. Industrial policy.

We need a better defined statistical base to make policy decisions and to give us more lead time in making those policy decisions than just the apparent effect of growth we see daily....." The first step would be to adopt "slow-growth" as a City goal. Second step would be to set our goals. Councilmember Duncan went on to explain his ideas.

APPEAL DENIED

Council was scheduled to take action on an appeal of the Building Standards Commission's approval of relocation from 1502 Manor Road to 1005 East 39th Street.

Councilmember Shipman said she had visited the site and requirements have been met. She said the site is a substandard lot and asked the City Manager to look at policies on a substandard lot.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Shipman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's second, DENIED the appeal and approved the relocation from 1502 Manor Road to 1005 East 39th Street. (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Rose was out of the room.)

NO ACTION TAKEN ON CIP

Council had before them for consideration an ordinance approving the 1984-1990 Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Program. There was some discussion, but no action was taken.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON REPEAL OF CITY'S SERVICE AREA

Council had before them an ordinance to consider repealing the City's current Service Area Ordinance No. 810820-E. After lengthy discussion, no action was taken.

CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE

The Council, on Councilmember Rose's motion, Councilmember Spaeth's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance approving a Capital Recovery Fee Ordinance relating to fees amounting to 25% increase across the board for the purchase of water and/or wastewater taps, with EMERGENCY PASSAGE of ordinance approved. (7-0 Vote)

CAPITAL INCREMENT FEE

The Council, on Councilmember Rose's motion, Councilmember Spaeth's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance repealing the City's Capital Increment Fee Ordinance relating to tap fees for commercial properties. (7-0 Vote)

NO ACTION TAKEN CONCERNING MORATORIUM

Council took no action on an item to consider a moratorium on water taps or water hook-ups in consideration of mandatory water rationing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mullen announced Council would go into Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss the following matters:

a. Pending Litigation:

(1) Bell, et al vs. Fitzpatrick, et al (Baylor and Castle Hill Street Litigation) Section 2, Paragraph e.

(2) Overton vs. City of Austin - Section 2, Paragraph e.

b. Acquisition of Real Estate, Section 2, Paragraph f.

c. Board and Commission Appointments

After such closed or executive session, any action to be taken shall be done in open meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed for executive session at 6:15 p.m. and resumed its recessed meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 8:15 p.m.